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**RE: Comments on the Proposed 2008 SMFP Need Determination for One Fixed MRI Scanner in Lincoln County**

Dear Dr. Myers:

On behalf of Carolinas Medical Center-Lincoln (CMC-Lincoln) and the residents of Lincoln County, I want to express my support for the need determination in the *Proposed 2008 SMFP* for one fixed MRI scanner in Lincoln County. As one of only two hospitals in the state with more than 100 beds but without a fixed MRI scanner, we certainly believe there is a need for a fixed MRI scanner to provide adequate diagnostic imaging services to our county's residents, including our inpatients, emergency patients and outpatients. CMC-Lincoln is the sole community hospital provider in the county, providing care to more than 70,000 residents without regard to the patient's age, race, national or ethnic origin, disability, gender, income or ability to pay.

CMC-Lincoln appreciates the Council's willingness to recognize the continuing growth in the number of MRI procedures performed on the mobile MRI unit and the resulting need for a full-time, fixed MRI scanner in the county. We believe that the allocated scanner will expand access to this vital imaging modality for our patients.

If we can be of any assistance to the SHCC as the development of the final *2008 SMFP* continues, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully yours,

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RE: Comment Regarding Proposed 2008 State Medical Facilities Plan, Chapter 9,  
MRI Section, Table 90, Page 133

Dear Mr. Elkin,

I am writing on behalf of Park Ridge Hospital in Henderson County regarding the Proposed 2008 State Medical Facilities Plan. As we discussed, the MRI inventory on page 133 of the Proposed Plan lists Park Ridge Hospital as having both a mobile MRI scanner and a fixed MRI scanner.

Please note that Park Ridge Hospital obtained CON approval to replace its previous mobile MRI scanner with a fixed unit. Park Ridge Hospital has removed the mobile MRI unit from North Carolina and has implemented the fixed MRI scanner in accordance with the CON conditions.

Table 90 shows the "fixed equivalent magnet subtotal" for Henderson County that includes the values of both of the mobile and fixed units which creates the possible impression that both units were simultaneously in use. However this is not the case. The Park Ridge Hospital fixed and mobile MRI units were not in simultaneous use.

Please accept this correspondence as a clarification of the data reflected in the Proposed 2008 Plan. If you have any questions please call me at 336 349-6250.

Sincerely

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